

Year 8 Religious Studies Homework – Term 3

Can Hindu beliefs and practices be relevant for everyone?



- This homework is to be completed in your own time and should be handed in on the date your teacher tells you. LOC's and credits are available for the best ones.
- This homework will help with your end of unit assessment. The more effort you put into this homework the better your assessment will be.
- The minimum work expected is that you complete Task 1. Students aiming for Developing and higher should be doing Task 2 and Excelling and Secure students should be doing all 3 tasks.
- Poor/hurried homework, or if not handed in on time will result in a detention

Task 1

Every village and town in India has at least one temple or mandir, and because there are many gods, the style of temples varies. Some temples are very elaborate, and are covered with images and scenes from the lives of deities. Find at least 5 other facts about Hindu temples.

Task 2

Research the Hindu festival Holi and either write a paragraph or design a poster explaining what Holi is, some things you could include are: -

- When it takes place
- What is the festival celebrating
- What do people wear during the festival
- What do people do during the festival

Task 3

Kumbh Mela is the site of the world's largest pilgrimage; kumbh means jar, mela means a fair or gathering. There are four different pilgrimage sites for the Kumbh Mela, used in rotation every three years, but a large festival takes place every twelve years at Prayaga, where the Ganges and Yamuna Rivers meet and where the mythical river, Saraswati, is thought to join them. It is therefore a very holy river crossing. The pilgrimage takes place over 55 days and for much of the time the atmosphere is very like a fair or medieval pageant.

Imagine you are a newspaper reporter writing an account of what is happening at Kumbh Mela. Try to focus your article on the atmosphere and the spiritual experience of the worshippers. You could imagine interviews with different pilgrims.